

RELATED TO ITEM S-3 (NAVIGANT REPORT)

We received a memo from the Health Department last night that describes the functions and responsibilities of the King/Drew Medical Center Advisory Board, as envisioned by Navigant Consulting, Inc. Under the model set out by Navigant, the Advisory Board would have responsibility for monitoring both Navigant’s contract and the hospital’s operations. The Board of Supervisors would remain ultimately responsible for King/Drew’s operations, budget, regulatory compliance, and ensuring access to its patients, through this Advisory Board, which ultimately cannot be held accountable.

While I have raised a number of significant concerns about creating a Health Authority, the reliance on an Advisory Board to fulfill the Board’s core responsibilities and legal obligations is particularly troubling and ill conceived. The Advisory Board as described by Navigant, removes the Health Department from the decision-making process and places the Board in the position of making decisions about the future of King/Drew’s operations and performance based on the advice of a voluntary advisory

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group that meets only on a monthly basis and has no legal obligation or responsibility to the County. The current process of delegating the governing body responsibilities to the Health Director has not been proven to be broken anywhere but at King/Drew.

The current structure under which the Health Director is held accountable should be maintained. To the extent that Navigant believes additional expertise is necessary to enhance the governing body oversight committee chaired by Dr. Garthwaite is necessary – whether from within or outside the Health Department – then those additional people should be added to the current governance oversight process. There are plenty of health care experts within the Health Department who could provide this expertise and who are County employees, and therefore can be held accountable by this Board for their actions.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors direct Navigant Consulting to include in its report back in two weeks for the Board's additional consideration, a model that utilizes the current delegated authority governance oversight process, and recommends those individuals or types of expertise from within the Health Department or from the outside community that should be added.

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